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STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

FIFTH HIGHLAND GATHERING.

WOLLONGONG, Monday.

The fifth Highland gathering, under the auspices of the Wollongong Caledonian Society, was held on the Bode's Centennial Grounds to-day when upwards of 2000 or 3000 were present. The entries were large in all events. Among the Sydney victors were Dr. Mathieson (vice-president of the Highland Society of New South Wales), Mr. Carruthers (a member of the parent society), and Mr. E. Watt (secretary of the Granville society). The Highland Society of New South Wales wired congratulations to the

The judges of the running were Lieutenant Colonel Chisholm and A. Campbell, M.L.A.; the hammer and vaulting, Messrs. H. B. Murdoch and T. Gray; the caber, throwing the hammer, and throwing the stone, Messrs. T. Cook and J. T. Gray; the piping route's, Mr. D. Houston (Glenelg) dancing, Mr. Roderick McLeod; bicycle race, Mr. Kerr and Mr. W. E. Fackender. Everything was systematically carried out under the general direction of the secretary (Mr. D. Ritchie). Follows are the results:

The following riders, their horses, in costume.—H. Murray, 1; Christine Stewart, 2; The Oakesdon Bicycle Band, 1 mile.—G. Ross & Co., 1; F. A. Taylor, scratch, 2; Burns Open Handicap Bicycle Race, 1 mile.—A. Burns & Co., 1; G. Evans, 15 yards, 2; Race for Boys under 15 years, 1 mile.—Larkin, 1; Highland Fling, ladies under 16 years, 1 mile.—Highland Fling, ladies under 16 years.—H. Murray, Best Dressed Highland Boy.—J. Revan, Best of Tailcoats, adults in costume.—J. Murray, Best Dressed Highland Boy.—J. Revan, 1 mile.—J. Revan, Tossing the Caber.—C. Murray, 21 ft. 6 in. Running High Jump.—H. Walker, Highland Fling, adults.—W. Bellamy,

Best dressed Highlander.—J. Munro.
Giltie Cullum.—W. Chadwick.
Cutting the Bore.—Head Rifled.—J. McMan.
Bayonet Competition.—Scottish Rifles.
Putting the Heavy Shot.—L. Ryan, 1.
Special Sword Dance.—Lillian McDowell.
Highland Fling, district boys and girls.—C. Group.

held last night in the W.A.L.T.U. Convention hall, was held in the hall of the Wesleyan Church. There were large attendance of delegates and visitors. The State president welcomed all present. The Mayor of Newtown (Alfred Salmon) gave an address and welcomed the W.C.T.U. to Newtown. Mr. Courtney Salmon spoke. The Australian president, who had just arrived in Sydney, gave the final response. Words of welcome were spoken by Lieutenant Colonel Hoskin, of the Salvation Army, Mr. E. Reedy, a representative of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, the Rechabites, the Sydney Rescue War

Society, the Good Templars, the Alliance, and others. Refreshments were handed round. A vocal solo was rendered by Mr. Baker.

CIVIL AMBULANCE WORK.

The report for the month of September of ambulance work conducted by the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade is as follows:—Wheal and ship-board accidents attended, 19; Government and 36; tramcar, vehicular, and other street accidents,

28; at the sports, 4; medical and surgical transport on practitioners' certificates, 126 cases; domestic accidents, 5; and factories, 8. Of these, 13 persons were conveyed to Sydney Hospital, 34 to Prince Alfred Hospital, and others to St. Vincent's Hospital, North Shore Hospital, Glebe Children's Hospital, Lewisham Hospital, Summer Hill Sanatorium, Women's Hospital, Marrickville Hospital, Balmain Hospital, and the Coast Hospital at Little Bay. The distance travelled on sick transport service during the month is computed at 810 miles.

FREEMASONRY.

The annual installation of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, 456, English Grand Lodge, was held on Wednesday evening last, when, in the presence of a large and select party, the incoming Master, Bro. George Ellis, was installed by his predecessor, Bro. Louis Parkinson, P.M. The officers were then appointed and invested, and later on Bro. Parkinson, by request of the Master, made the presentation of a handsome silver tea and coffee service to Bro. George

Robinson and Mrs. Robinson as a mark of appreciation of the members of the Cumbrian Lodge of Australia for the services voluntarily rendered by the recruits during the past 13 years. Bro. Robinson, on behalf of his wife, briefly replied, and the members adjourned to the banquet-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Yesterday afternoon at the Houdouk Ridge Race, the Wellington Civilian Rifle Club was defeated by the Remuera Club at the 800 and 900 yards ranges by 22 pts. The teams were 11 units, seven shots at each pt. Weather conditions were favourable. Mr. B. H. Price, the powerful and youthful champion, being the only one to hit the highest score, with 41. The following were the winners:—

Remuera Civilian Club.—Mr. W. Cooper, 31, 26-9; Mr. T. Westbrook, 31, 27-66; Mr. E. J. Brown, 25, 2-56; Mr. Taylor, 32, 53-63; Mr. Scambrer, 28, 23-9; Mr. Nalke, 38, 19-47; Mr. G. H. Brown, 30, 23-9; Mr. Miller, 30, 23-9; Mr. Kendall, 35, 15-43; Mr. E. L. Mills, 26, 18-44; Mr. Morton, 32, 19-41.

Totals: 500 yards, 359; 900 yards, 281; grand total,

Wollongong Tennis Club.—Mr. H. Bick, 23-2-6.
Mr. T. Hicken, 23-2-6; Mr. L. L. Linsley, 26-2-7; Mr.
J. Glenese, 24, 30-5-6; Mr. F. Brown, 24, 30-5-4; Mr. J.
Heron, 24, 25, 34-5-6; Mr. P. Dixon, 26, 27-5-3; Mr.
Harrigan, 30, 17-4-3; Mr. J. Annesley, 14-2-4; Mr.
A. Woods, 14, 19-4-3; Mr. J. Byron, 24, 2-2-3.
Totals: 300 yards, 272; 600 yards, 256; grand total,
528.

Majority for Parramatta, 12 points.

1st REGIMENT SEAGENTS.

The annual Eight-hour Day fixture of the seagents of
the 1st Regiment was held yesterday at the highest
tide range. In the morning a strong easterly breeze
prevailed, but the tide was in the best of the day.

The principal event, and victory roared with fire from 28 points. Quartermaster-sergeant Inger was beautifully-sunged silver cup, presented by Sergeant A. Wilson, A.M.C., and obtained by him in Praha, for its highest score. After dinner the games, and many more in the tournament, until dark.

The scores of the rifle match were as follows, the best being nine men a-side and seven shots each at 300 and 600 yards:-

Laureatist-Captain Oldham's Team:- Lieutenant Colonel Oldham, 34, 28-56; Sergeant Russell, 3, 5-6; Sergeant J. Thomas, 34, 28-62; Sergeant Keir, 34, 28-60; Sergeant Gray, 28, 28-56; Rifleman Fowler, 29, 27-56; Colour-sergeant, Eng., 34, 28-52.

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS' CLUB

The Corps of Engineers Rifle Club had an all-day series of competitions at Randwick yesterday afternoon. The following were the high scores in the morning event, seven shots each at 500 and 600 yards:

Quartermaster-sergeant Sullivan, M. A., 48; W. B. Sheldon, J. A., 39-64; Sapper Palmer, J. A., 39-64; Sapper Luggan, N. A., 39-61; Sergeant Smith, G. A., 39-57; Pte. H. D. Prother, J. A., 39-57; Corporal Jones, R. A., 39-56; Sergeant Captain, D. A., 38-57; Sapper Fowles, M. A., 38-56.

In the afternoon the final shooting for the K.R.A. affiliation medal was held at 500 and 550 yards, with the best results were as follows—Sapper Luggan, N. A., 38; Sapper Kirkman, M. A., 37-57; Quartermaster-sergeant Sullivan, M. A., 37-57; Lieutenant Wardle, E. A., 37-51.

The winner of the medal best out of all shotguns at 800 and 650 yards was the first-place champion Sullivan, with 264. The winners who are next in order of merit, secure membership tickets for the N.R.A. — Sapper Leitch, 1165; Sapper Pantlin, 194; Sapper Kirkwood, 160; W.D. Sheldon, 182; C.S.M. Tate, 171; Sapper Foshin, 171.

The annual meeting of the Civilian Rifle Club was held on Saturday night, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Wilson, S.F.; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Newton; handiappers, Messrs. Adamson, Hollingworth, and Fayers; committee, Messrs. Fiebig, Carson, and Hollingworth. A satisfactory report and balance-sheet for the past year was adopted.

The final stage of the trial was conducted on Saturday, via the following result:—E. Wolstenholme, 193; J. Duggan, 190; A. J. Fahy, 168; D. Joiner, 147; F. Adams, 141; E. Ryan, 134; E. J. Hollingworth, 101; F. Hollingworth.

balance of £438 is (id.). The secretary reported this receipt from the gate for the four weeks ended October 3 amounted to £78 17s 9d, from the elephant £4 17s 9d, and from the ponies 1s, making a total of £79 10s 3d. The gate money represented the admission of 3454 visitors, 2636 men, adults and 998 children. During the last four Sundays 13,951 visitors passed through the turnstiles, 7611 being adults and 6341 children, representing 15 money had been taken at the gates £29 17s. The following donations had been received since the previous meeting:—Mr. J. H. Maiden, an echidna; Mr. McGregor, a number; Master

an Australian crane; Mr. A. Leitch,
F. Flowers, a ring dove; Mr. E. Walsh, an echidna;
Mr. H. Seewald, an echidna.

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